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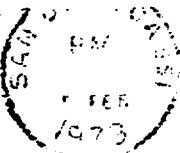
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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

During the past four years I have researched and written a book in which I discuss the subject of life on other worlds in a sober, objective and comprehensive manner. The work, nearly completed and now entering the review phase, runs to well over 600 pages and is pitched to the intelligent layman. (I've taken the liberty of enclosing my most recent chapter outline so you can see the breadth of coverage.) I have tried to accomplish several objectives:

- (1) To assemble in one place the results of all pertinent researches, writings, and reasonable speculations concerning extra-terrestrial life published to date;
- (2) To stimulate new ideas and to suggest possible new areas of research; and
- (3) To substantiate the oft-challenged claim that a scientific field of study pertaining to extraterrestrial life (which I call "xenology" for a variety of reasons) even exists.

In view of your long-standing interest in and many contributions to the field, I thought you might be interested in having a look at Chapter 16 of my book, entitled "Xenobiotechnology" (31pp). If so, I would be most grateful for any comments or suggestions you might care to make generally on the book as a whole or specifically on Chapter 16. FEB 20 1979



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